

Be a park partner

Join in Sequoia Natural History Association activities. Become a member and get a discount in park book stores. This non-profit makes several park activities possible, including seminars, book stores in visitor centers, the winter Pear Lake Ski Hut, and the summer tours in beautiful Crystal Cave. Find out more at any visitor center or www.sequoiahistory.org.



Winter adventure: Pear Lake Ski Hut sits in a granite basin high above Lodgepole, at 9,200 feet elevation (2804m), surrounded by glistening snowfields, icy rock walls, and a deep blue sky. Six strenuous miles on skis or snowshoes get you to its ten bunk-beds and warm wood-pellet stove. It's a great opportunity to experience the glory of the wintry High Sierra.

Call 559-565-3759 for details (reservations are required), and check the website above for winter travel seminars with the SNHA's Sequoia Field Institute.

Another group, the Sequoia Parks Foundation, also helps these parks meet the challenges of tight federal budgets. Its mission: To find ways to do important things that the parks could not otherwise afford.

The list of projects is long and always growing. They have tackled creation of Beetle Rock Education Center, summer staffing for bear management, restoring vegetation, trail restoration, and a mobile exhibit about the park fire program, among others.

They've started an initiative to explore the parks through art and develop new perspectives about their meaning. A major new project will fund "Ranger in the Classroom" (see page 1). Visit www.sequoiaparksfoundation.org to learn more.



Summer fun: Beetle Rock Center in the Giant Forest would not exist without the help of the Sequoia Parks Foundation. They funded the remodel of this historic building into an education center. Together with the SNHA, they made the popular summer nature program at Beetle Rock possible for us all.

Free Activities

WALKS & TALKS Free ranger-led talks, walks, or snowshoe walks may be offered at Giant Forest, Lodgepole, Grant Grove, and the Foothills. See pages 8 and 9 or check bulletin boards and visitor centers to see what is scheduled.

VISITOR CENTERS & PARK STORES Each one offers different exhibits to enjoy. Park stores in each visitor center sell a wide variety of books, maps, postcards, posters, and other items. Remember: All your purchases in visitor centers help to support the parks! See pages 8 and 9 for details.

JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM - FREE

People of all ages earn a badge while helping to protect resources. Those 5 to 8 years old earn the Jay Award. If you are 9 to 12 years old, work for a Raven Award. Ages 13 to 103 earn an Arrowhead Award. Pick up a free Jr. Ranger booklet in any visitor center. Follow the instructions and have fun!

TEACHERS:

-BRING YOUR CLASS TO THE PARKS! Fun, curriculum-based programs for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 6th-grades in spring and fall. Topics include geology, sequoias, Native Americans, and other cultural history. For details or to reserve a date, call 1-559-565-4303.

-RANGER IN THE CLASSROOM Bring the parks to your elementary students! Help them to discover these world-famous parks in their own classroom. Call 1-559-565-3733 to learn about this program.



WHERE CAN I...

You are visiting two different areas - a National Park (NPS) and a National Forest and Monument (USFS). Some activities that are illegal in the Park may be legal in the Forest (see page 2 to learn more). Use a map to know where you are!

- **WALK A PET?** In the Parks: Not on any trails but it's o.k. 100 feet from roads in developed areas (picnic areas, campgrounds, roads). In National Forest: Pets can go on trails. In both areas: Pets must be on a leash less than 6 feet (1.8m) long. Don't leave pets in hot cars.
- **COLLECT THINGS?** Not in Parks: Leave everything to play its natural role in the ecosystem. In National Forest: Keeping a few cones or rocks for personal use is permitted. In both areas: Archeological sites & artifacts are protected by law.

- **SNOWMOBILE?** Not in the Parks. In National Forest: Only on designated snowmobile routes. Snowmobile trailheads are at Big Meadows, Quail Flat, & Cherry Gap. For information: 1-559-243-4005.
- **GO CAMPING?** In the Parks: Only in numbered sites in designated campgrounds. In National Forest: In campgrounds or, unless posted otherwise, near roadsides. Pull safely off the road, no further.
- **GO PICNICKING?** See picnic symbols on map (back page). Never leave food unattended! Check bulletin boards for fire restrictions. Most sites have tables, restrooms & fire grills, except: No fire grills at Foothills & Sandy Cove. No fires permitted at Lodgepole & Crescent Meadow. No water at Halstead, Powdercan, Lodgepole, & Creasant Meadow.

- **HAVE A FIRE?** In the Parks: Only in fire grills in campgrounds & some picnic areas. In National Forest: Free fire permits are required, even for gas stoves and lanterns. Some areas are more restricted than others. Get permits at Kings Canyon Park Visitor Center (in Grant Grove) or USFS office in Dunlap on Hwy 180.
- **RIDE A BICYCLE?** In the Parks: Keep bikes on roads only, not on any trail (other than the designated bike trail in Cedar Grove). In National Forest: Ask a ranger which trails permit bicycles. In both areas: Be careful & courteous near pedestrians & horses. People younger than 18 must wear helmets.
- **DRIVE OFF-ROAD?** Not in either area. Stay on roads.
- **HUNT?** Not in the Parks. Firearms must be unloaded, inoperable & stored in way that prevents ready use prior to entering national parks. In National Forest: Only during the season with a license. Call 1-559-243-4005.

- **CUT WOOD?** Not in the Parks. In National Forest: Call Hume Lake Ranger District for permit & guidelines: 559-338-2251.
- **GO FISHING?** In both areas: Permitted during the season; California fishing licenses required for ages 16 & up. Ask for copies of park regulations.

• RIDE HORSEBACK

Closed until late spring into fall. Call regarding hourly rides, backcountry spot trips, & guided trips then.

- **Cedar Grove**
1-559-565-3464 summer
1-559-337-2314 off season
- **Grant Grove**
1-559-335-9292 summer
1-559-337-2314 off season
- **Horse Corral**
at Big Meadows in Sequoia National Forest
1-559-565-3404 summer
1-559-564-6429 off season
1-559-679-3573 cell